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14 POINTS

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1. THE SECTION OF THE LABOR PARTY'S PLATFORM ON "PEACE,DEFENSE,
BOUNDARIES" (TEXT BY SEPTTEL) DIFFERS ESSENTIALLY FROM THE
PARTY'S 14 POINT 1973 PROGRAM (SEE TEL AVIV 0661 FOR TEXT OF
LATTER) IN TWO RESPECTS:

A) THE 1977 PLATFORM SPEAKS OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
PERMANENT PEACE IN DEFENSIBLE BORDERS WITH EGYPT,JORDAN AND
SYRIA WITH READINESS FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE WITH EACH
(REPEAT EACH) OF THEM, WHEREAS THE CORRESPONDING LANGUAGE OF
THE 14 POINTS IS MORE GNERAL--LIMITING ITSELF TO A PEACE
AGREEMENT BASED ON A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE;

B) THE LATEST PLATFORM IS ALSO MORE SPECIFIC ON SETTLEMENTS
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BY ENUMERATING IN WHICH AREAS
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PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN AND STATING THAT THE GOI WILL
PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENTS.

2. THESE CHANGES INDICATE SOME SOFTENING IN THE PARTY'S
POSITION--ESPECIALLY TOWARD THE WEST BANK--IN THAT THE
INTERPREATATION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE PARTY'S DOVES
TO THE 14 POINTS' VAGUE LANGUAGE IS SPEALLED OUT IN THE

1977 PLATFORM. LABOR HAWKS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE PARTY'S READINESS FOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE DOES NOT EXTEND TO THE WEST BANK. THE NEW LANGUAGE SATISFIED LABOR'S ALIGNMENT PARTNER, MAPAM, WHICH HAS LONG FAVORED A SPECIFIC STATEMENT CALLING FOR EXTENSIVE WITHDRAWAL ON THE WEST BANK. THE AWKS IN THE PARTY (LED BY DAYAN - SEE SEPTTEL) FOUGHT A REAR GUARD ACTION AGAINST EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE WITH JORDAN AND ESPECIALLY AGAINST LIMITING THE RATIONAL FOR WEST BANK SETTLEMENT TO SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AND AGAINST RESTRICTING THE AREAS OF SETTLEMENT BY NAMING THEM.

3. OTHER DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PLATFORMS INCLUDE:

A) THE REFERENCE TO ACHIEVING PEACE WITH LEBANON CONTAINED IN THE NEW PLATFORM AND NOT IN THE OLD.

B) THE NEW PLATFORM'S MORE FREQUENT USE OF THE TERM "DEFENSIBLE BORDERS" AND ITS SUPPORT OF DEMILITARIZATION AND "POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS" IN THE PEACE AGREEMENTS BUT NOT AS SUBSTITUTES FOR DEFENSIBLE BORDERS; AND

C) ITS REJECTION OF PLO PARTICIPATION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

ALSO MORE ATTENTION IS PAID IN THE NEW PLATFORM TO THE PROBLEMS OF ARAB RESIDENTS OF BOTH ISRAEL AND THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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4. OVERALL, THE NEW PLATFORM APPEARS DESIGNED TO REMOVE SOME OF THE STUDIED AMBIGUITY OF THE TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE ASPECTS OF THE 14 POINTS. HOWEVER IT REEMPHASIZES THE PARTY'S DETERMINATION TO OPPOSE A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE AND A WITHDRAWAL TO THE JUNE 4, 1967 LINES, OR EVEN SOMETHING APPROXIMATING THOSE LINES.

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